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Mr. [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

In connection with the appointment of the members of the Honor Awards Board for the coming year, I realize that you now become a "Member Emeritus" of the Board.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for your outstanding contributions to the Honor Awards program; first as Chairman of the Honor Awards Task Force of the Director's Career Service Committee that devised the program in 1952; second, as the first Chairman of the Honor Awards Board from 1953 to 1956; and lastly as member of the Board from then until now.

You have aided importantly in the evolution of the Agency's honor awards philosophy and in the design and creation of the Agency's decorations and certificates. Since the beginning of our awards system you have participated in making recommendations to me in individual cases. I am sure that your wide experience and know-how will be available to the present Honor Awards Board, should it wish to call on you for advice and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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